Prelicensing Guide

The following steps will be required in order for a Temporary License to be issued to your child care program.

Attend a Prelicensing Workshop

Schedule available on DCDEE website www.ncchildcare.nc.gov or 1-800-859-0829

Begin Building, Fire and Sanitation Inspections

Always contact your local zoning office to find out about any zoning restrictions and requirements.

Some agencies require application and plan reviews before any construction begins. Contact each of the agencies responsible for these inspections very early in your prelicensing process to find out their specific requirements.

Submit Application, Floor Plan, Criminal Background Check Qualification Letter and Prelicensing Workshop Certificate to Lead Child Care Consultant

Send these forms as soon as you have them completed. Your official prelicensing phase does not begin until these items have been received by the licensing consultant.

Submit Administrator Preservice Requirements form

This form can be sent with the above forms, if an administrator has been selected. Otherwise, send this form to the licensing consultant as soon as the director has been hired.

Schedule Rules Review with Lead Child Care Consultant

Must be completed BEFORE a license is issued to your program.

Allow 4-8 weeks for scheduling

Begin selecting and purchasing materials and equipment

Schedule Space, Materials and Equipment Inspection with Lead Child Care Consultant

Must be completed BEFORE a license is issued to your program.

Allow 4-8 weeks for scheduling

Obtain final Approved Building, Fire and Sanitation Inspections

Submit all original copies to Child Care Consultant

Complete any required training

CPR and First Aid Playground Safety ITS-SIDS BSAC

Schedule final inspection with Lead Child Care Consultant

Allow 4-8 weeks for scheduling

Temporary License
Issued for 6 Months



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